

## RECOGNIZING JORDAN FINK

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jordan Fink, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the state of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jordan is a graduate of Tripp-Delmont High School in Tripp, SD. Currently he is attending South Dakota State University, where he is majoring in biology. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jordan for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

## RECOGNIZING JAMIE LOFTUS

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jamie Loftus, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jamie is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently he is attending Black Hills State University, where he is majoring in accounting. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jamie for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

## RECOGNIZING KELSEY MCKAY

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kelsey McKay, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Kelsey is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. Currently she is attending the College of Saint Benedict, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kelsey for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

## RECOGNIZING MICHAEL MERRY

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Michael Merry, an intern in my Washington, DC office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Michael is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently he is attending the University of South Dakota, where he is majoring in finance and economics. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Michael for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

## RECOGNIZING SHARAYAH SLAUGHTER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Sharayah Slaughter, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Sharayah is currently a student at Douglas High School in Box Elder, SD. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sharayah for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

## RECOGNIZING ROBERT STORK

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Robert Stork, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Robert is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD, and of the University of Iowa, where he majored in communication studies. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Robert for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

## RECOGNIZING ALLISON VOELKER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Allison Voelker, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Allison is a graduate of Canton High School in Canton, SD, and of Biola University, where she majored in psychology. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Allison for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

## HONORING THE WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I honor the Winner School District for being awarded the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. This award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding sup-

port of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

The Winner School District is one of only 15 employers nationwide to be honored with this prestigious award. The support, encouragement, and flexibility that they provide to their employees who are called to serve their country in the South Dakota National Guard illustrates their deservedness for this high honor. The Winner School District serves as a fine example of South Dakotans coming together to support the cause of freedom around the world. The Winner School District goes the extra mile to accommodate our servicemen and women and thus ensure a safer, more secure America.

Today, I rise with the entire State of South Dakota to commend the Winner School District for their commitment to serving our State and our Armed Forces.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sun nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 674. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009.

H.R. 1338. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4255. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6083. An act to authorize funding to conduct a national training program for State and local prosecutors.

H.R. 6208. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building".

H.R. 6221. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractee to comply with the contracting